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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1965

To the Chairman and Members of the
Stourport-on-Severn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Gazard and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the Urban District for the year 1965.

The Report is divided into the following sections:—

"A" Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

"B" General Provisions of Health Services for the Area.

"C" Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

"D" Housing.

"E" Inspection and Supervision of Food.

"F" Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

Main Occupation of the Area

The principal industries of the area comprise the manufacture of carpets, ceramic insulators, chains for many purposes, wire cables, fans, timber products and electrical transformers. There is also a vinegar works and a factory producing concrete slabs of all kinds.

In addition there are:—

(a) Three large Oil Companies engaged in the storage and distribution of petrol and oil.

(b) One Company engaged in the bulk storage and distribution of imported timber.

All timber and some petrol and oil arrives by boat from Avonmouth, Stourport-on-Severn being the head of the portion of the River Severn which is navigable by commercial traffic. The quantity of petrol transported by river has decreased over the years because there has been a steady increase of petrol delivered by pipeline, this now being the main avenue of supply.

There is also in the district one of the largest Power Stations in the Midlands.

SECTION "A"

AREA IN ACRES	3218
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (end of 1965)	4657
RATEABLE VALUE	£669861
SUM REPRESENTED BY ONE PENNY RATE ...	£2760
REGISTRAR GENERAL'S ESTIMATE OF RESIDENT POPULATION (1965)	14070

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	*Female*	*1965*	*1964*
Legitimate	153	144	297	295
Illegitimate	8	12	20	15
	161	156	317	310

THE BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated population for the Urban District	23.54	32.1
THE BIRTH RATE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES for the same period	18.00	18.40
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS per cent of total live births was	6.3	4.8

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	*Female*	*1965*	*1964*
Legitimate	4	2	6	7
Illegitimate	—	—	—	—
	4	2	6	7

THE STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 total live and Still Births was	18.25	22.1
THE STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 total live and Still Births for England and Wales for the same period	15.7	16.3

	Male	*Female*	*1965*	*1964*
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	165	158	323	317

DEATHS

	Male	*Female*	*1965*	*1964*
TOTAL DEATHS	75	62	137	129

THE DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated population was	9.74	9.6
THE DEATH RATE for the whole of England and Wales per 1,000 population was ...	11.5	11.3
MATERNAL DEATH (including Abortion) ...	Nil	Nil

	1965	*1964*
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE for the year per 1,000 births (Live and Still) was ...	Nil	Nil
MATERNAL MORTALITY for England and Wales for the same period per 1,000 (live and still) was	0.25	0.25

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	Male	*Female*	*1965*	*1964*
Legitimate	5	Nil	5	3
Illegitimate	Nil	1	1	Nil
	5	1	6	3

THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE for the year per 1,000 total live births was	18.57	22.6
THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 total live births for the same period for England and Wales was	19.0	19.9
INFANT MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 legitimate Live Births was	16.66	10.2
INFANT MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 illegitimate Live Births was	50.00	Nil

NEONATAL MORTALITY

	1965	*1964*
Deaths of Infants under four weeks	2	2

Representing a rate of 6.31 per 1,000 live births.

The Death of Infants under four weeks in England and Wales represents a rate of 13.00 per 1,000 live births.

CAUSES OF DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	Male	*Female*
Gastritis	1	Nil
Congenital Malformations	3	Nil
Other ill defined diseases	1	1

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE

	Male	*Female*
The deaths of infants under one week number representing a rate of 6.31 per 1,000 live and still births.	1	1

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

The still births and deaths under one week numbered 8 representing a rate of 25.00 per 1,000 live and still births.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	17
Deaths from Measles	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1

CAUSES OF DEATHS (Including Transferable Deaths)

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1	5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75 and over
1. Tuberculosis,	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Respiratory	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
10. Malignant Neoplasm,	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Stomach	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
11. Malignant Neoplasm,	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Lung, Bronchus	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
12. Malignant Neoplasm,	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Breast	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
13. Malignant Neoplasm,													
Uterus	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
14. Other Malignant													
and Lymphatic	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	3
Neoplasms	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
15. Leukaemia,	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Aleukaemia	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16. Diabetes	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
17. Vascular Lesions of	M	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	2
Nervous System	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
18. Coronary Disease,	M	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	5	3	1
Angina	F	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
19. Hypertension with	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Heart Disease	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
20. Other Heart	M	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	8
Disease	F	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	10
21. Other Circulatory	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Disease	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
22. Influenza	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
23. Pneumonia	M	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—
24. Bronchitis	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
26. Ulcer of Stomach	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
and Duodenum	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Gastritis, Enteritis	M	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
and Diarrhoea	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
31. Congenital	M	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malformations	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Other Defined													
and Ill-Defined	M	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	3
Diseases	F	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2
33. Motor Vehicle	M	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—
Accidents	F	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other	M	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Accidents	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTAL All Causes	M	75	1	4	—	—	2	1	3	8	13	17	26
	F	62	1	—	—	—	1	—	4	3	8	14	31

SECTION "B"

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Laboratory Services

Producer samples of milk and samples of piped water supplies are examined by the County Laboratory, Worcester, together with food for chemical analysis. The major part of the bacteriological and pathological work is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Worcester Royal Infirmary.

Ambulance Service

This service is administered by the County Council as Local Health Authority, and there is a system of wireless control with the headquarters in the County Medical Officer's Department at Worcester. The Kidderminster Ambulance Station has been augmented and now provides a fully manned 24 hour service. An ambulance for infectious cases is stationed at Hayley Green Isolation Hospital (under the control of the Regional Hospital Board).

Hospitals

All Hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board through their Management Committee. The Kidderminster General Hospital received the majority of hospital patients from this district. The Lucy Baldwin Hospital provides the district and surrounding area with maternity beds.

Cases admitted to the Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital during the year	678
Women delivered	498
Infants born alive	503
Infant deaths	Nil
Infants Stillborn	1
Maternal Deaths	Nil
Cases of Puerperal Pyrexia	5
Cases of Ophthamia Neonatorum	Nil

Infectious Diseases

Beds for infectious diseases are provided at Hayley Green Isolation Hospital, Halesowen, and at Newtown Isolation Hospital, Worcester. There were 4 cases admitted from Stourport-on-Severn during the year.

Tuberculosis

Out patients treatment is provided at the Kidderminster Hospital Dispensary, where Dr. Cronin attends, Wednesday mornings, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Inpatients treatment is arranged at Newtown, Worcester. Prevention and after-care remain the responsibility of the Local Health Authority and the service is administered locally by the After-care Sub-Committee.

Mass Radiography Unit

The mobile unit visited the district for a period of 5 days during May, it being situated at 6 different sites during its stay. The following is a list of attendances at the various sitings:—

1.	Walshes Estate	252
2.	Wilden	29
3.	Hartlebury Park	116
4.	Windermere Way	276
5.	Brinton Arms	281
6.	Swan Hotel	326
		1280

The number of abnormalities revealed was as follows:—

Inactive Tuberculosis — no further action ...	7
Dextrocardia — no further action	2
Acquired cardiovascular lesion	4
Chronic Bronchitis	1
Acquired abnormalities of ribs	4
Pneumoconiosis (already known)	1
Referred to Chest Clinic for further investigation	13

Venereal Disease

In view of the closure of the clinic at Kidderminster Hospital treatment and "follow-up" are carried out at clinics at the following Hospitals:

Worcester Royal Infirmary
Dudley Guest Hospital
Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton.

Nursing in the Home

The Service is administered by the Local Authority.

There are:

1. Three nurses who deal principally with the Midwifery and General Nursing. A car is provided.
2. Three whole-time Health Visitors and School Nurses who attend school medical inspections, treat minor ailments at the school clinic and visit cases of mental defect. They visit infants and children in the home and are responsible for their welfare from fourteen days until they attend school at five years old, when they continue to supervise under the school scheme. They act as general health advisors to the family in conjunction with the doctors, and give help wherever practicable, particularly with the ageing members of the family. They attend Infant Welfare Clinics in their area, Mothercraft and relaxation classes for expectant mothers and a class for young fathers. For this purpose the Urban District is divided into three areas, one nurse being responsible for the Town Centre, Lower, Heath, and surrounding district, Areley Kings, Astley and part of the

Walshes Estate; another nurse for Wilden and the remainder of the Walshes Estate, whilst the third nurse covers Burlish Park Estate and Newtown.

3. Another Health Visitor also visits cases of Tuberculosis.

Clinics

(a) ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Ante-Natal Clinics are held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital in the charge of Doctors MacArthur, C. Mackie, D. K. Black, Dr. Tibbetts and W. T. Mackie and Matron respectively. A clinic is also held by the district midwives on the second and fourth Monday in each month.

(b) INFANT WELFARE CLINICS

(i) Lucy Baldwin, a weekly clinic with doctor in attendance first and third Friday of each month.

(ii) Wilden, held third Wednesday in month.

(iii) Areley Kings, held in Parish Hall, Areley Kings, on second and fourth Thursday afternoons. (In charge of Dr. J. W. Bywater.)

Children under five are immunised at these clinics and vaccination is carried out as required.

Separate sessions for Poliomyelitis immunisation (oral) are held at the Mitton Street School Clinic, by appointment, for all those age groups who are eligible.

SECTION "C"

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The majority of the dwellings in the area are supplied with water from the North West Worcestershire Water Board. The source of the supply is deep bores in the Bewdley Corporation's area and the storage reservoirs are situated at Mount Pleasant.

33 Bacteriological samples were taken from the Town Supply and all proved the water to be satisfactory.

A report on a sample taken for chemical analysis from the Town supply at 67 The Ridgeway, Stourport-on-Severn, on the 10th November, 1965, is given below:—

PHYSICAL CHARACTERS

Colour	Colourless	
Odour	None	
Deposit	None	pH 7.2

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Solution (Dried at 180° C)	190
Solids in Solution After Ignition	105
Chlorine present as Chloride	21
Hardness Non-Carbonate	37
Hardness Carbonate	100
Hardness Total	137
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	Nil
Nitrate Nitrogen	0.01
Permanganate Value (4 Hours at 27° C) ...	6.7
Toxic Metals	Nil
Total Residual Chlorine	0.08
Fluorine	—
Synthetic Detergents (As Manoxol)	Nil

OPINION:—

The chemical condition of the sample is satisfactory.

(Signed) W. E. JONES,
County Analyst,
11th November, 1965

Sewerage and Drainage

Disposal of sewerage at the Oldington Disposal Works used jointly with the Borough of Kidderminster and Bewdley has continued reasonably satisfactorily, but the works are seriously overloaded.

In view of the delay in the extension to these works which is now under discussion a planning embargo has been placed on schemes of private estate development (not already approved) until April, 1966.

SECTION "D"

There is one small estate of 20 bungalows and two 2 bedroom houses in course of development by the Council. These premises are prefabricated factory built design. At the end of the year 8 bungalows had been erected and occupied. Houses built by private enterprise totalled 145.

Number of Council Houses in the Urban District ... (Use of 3 Minster Road and St. Michael's Lodge)	1295
Number of Hutted Dwellings requisitioned by the Council	Nil
Number of Houses requisitioned by the Council ...	Nil
Number of Applicants for Council Houses	258
Number of Applicants who are living in lodgings ...	36
Approximate total number of persons represented by application list	630

During the year the Council purchased a small compact private estate of 111 houses built in the late 1920's. The majority of these houses are of the 3 Bedroom type and will prove to be a useful increase in the number of Council owned houses.

Steady progress was made in dealing with unfit properties. 8 Demolition Orders were made and 2 closing orders.

Number of families rehoused from condemned properties was 3.

BURLISH PARK ESTATE (Private Development)

A further 86 houses have been completed and occupied during the year.

Caravan Sites

WALSHES FARM SITE (Council owned and controlled)

This site has accommodation for 123 caravans in addition to approximately 123 tenting sites for use during the summer holiday periods.

The First Aid Centre provides a most useful facility at this site but owing to staffing difficulty it was open only during the hours of 9.30—12.30 and 3.30—6.30 daily.

Due to the change in character of the site with holidays being spread over a longer season fewer cases had to be dealt with and no patients had to be referred for further medical attention.

The First Aid Post on the river side continued to be manned satisfactorily during the peak times of the holiday periods.

HAYWOODS MEADOW

This site has approximately 120 caravans, bungalows and similar structures.

Two large cesspools have now been constructed to take drainage from the two existing toilet blocks. Consequently, sanitary accommodation in both these toilet blocks has now been converted to proper flushing toilets.

SECTION "E"

SAMPLES OF FOODS AND DRUGS TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS

Adulteration of Food

Mr. Spencer, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, Worcestershire County Council has now retired and Mr. Owen has been appointed as his successor and reports as follows:—

During the year 1965, a total of 65 samples of foods and drugs were taken in Stourport-on-Severn Urban District, consisting of 22 milks and 43 foods. This represents a rate of sampling of 5.1 per 1,000 of population based on the 1963 estimate.

All the food samples were satisfactory chemically; there was one minor labelling error. One sample of milk contained about 6% extraneous water, but several repeat samples were genuine. The processing dairy company was warned and all incoming supplies were sampled and found satisfactory.

Sampling at Other than Retail Level

Processing dairies in Kidderminster and Bewdley supplying bottled milk through retail channels in Stourport were visited to sample incoming supplies from producers. 552 samples were taken including 78 from Channel Islands herds. 25 of these samples were low in fat but in the majority of cases the composite fat content of the whole of the consignments containing the low fat samples was satisfactory and in no case was the deficiency thought to be due to abstraction of fat.

One producer of Channel Islands milk was prosecuted for consigning milk containing added water. Over the course of three days, 8 churns were adulterated by amounts ranging from 3.7% to 6.7%. He was convicted and fined £45 with costs of £13. 16s. 0d.

One sample consigned by a producer having a refrigerated farm tank contained 0.3% extraneous water, but further samples from the same producer were satisfactory.

SECTION "F"

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children immunised for the first time during the year at clinics, schools or by general practitioners was as follows:—

Pre-school children	250
School children	21
Reinforcing doses	368

Poliomyelitis Immunisation

Immunisation against poliomyelitis is now available at all Infant Welfare clinics.

Smallpox Vaccination

Pre-school children — vaccinated ...	424
School children — vaccinated ...	6
Pre-school children — re-vaccinated ...	2
School children — re-vaccinated ...	22

General

Cases of infectious diseases notified during the year are shown in the following table.

Diseases	*Total Cases Notified*	*Cases Admitted to Hospital*	*Total Deaths*
Measles	59	—	—
Acute Primary Pneumonia .	1	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Tuberculosis	3	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	7	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—
Scarlatina	26	—	—

Tuberculosis

The following table gives particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from the disease in the area during the year: —

Age Periods	*New Cases*				*Deaths*			
	Pulmonary		*Non-Pulmonary*		*Pulmonary*		*Non-Pulmonary*	
	M.	*F.*	*M.*	*F.*	*M.*	*F.*	*M.*	*F.*
0—1 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15— ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35— ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals ...	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—

B.C.G. Inoculation

Number of consents for testing and inoculation	195
Number tested	170
Percentage	87.0
Number positive	16
Result Negative	154
Percentage Positive	8.6
Vaccinated	154
Re-tested	—
Absent	8
Deferred	1

Conclusion

The most urgent requirement of this district remains more houses of all types in order that unfit houses may be relinquished and those families in rooms or other unsuitable accommodation be provided with a home of their own.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council and the Council's Staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. W. MARKHAM,

Medical Officer of Health

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1965

To the Chairman and Members of the Stourport-on-Severn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentleman,

I have the honour to present the report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1965.

Meat Inspection

The tables below give details of meat inspected during the year 1965:—

ANIMALS INSPECTED

	Cattle (excluding Cows)	*Cows*	*Calves*	*Sheep and Lambs*	*Pigs*
Number Killed ...	57	Nil	Nil	528	162
Number Inspected ...	57	Nil	Nil	528	162
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole Carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	7	Nil	Nil	5	12
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci ...	12.3	Nil	Nil	.95	7.4
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcase condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6
Percentages of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3.7
Cysticercosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Meat was condemned for the following reasons:

Cause	*Weight*
Tuberculosis	48 lbs.
Bruising	16 lbs.
Hydatid Cysts	23 lbs.
Distomatosis and other parasitic conditions	37 lbs.
Abcesses	44 lbs.
Congestion	34 lbs.
Total weight of meat condemned ...	202 lbs.

Other Foods

The following foodstuffs were inspected at the request of Shopkeepers and voluntarily surrendered for disposal:—

Tomatoes	18 tins
Fruit	26 tins
Fish	5 tins
Meat	40 tins
Vegetables	17 tins
Cream and Milk	4 tins
Sandwich Spread	1 jar
Jam	2 jars
Beetroot	1 jar
Cheese	13 x 5 lb. cartons
Beefburgers	11 lbs.
Prawns	7½ lbs.
Chocolate	8 lbs.
Salad Cream	1 bottle
Frozen Vegetables	190 packets
Frozen Fish Fingers	107 packets
Frozen Meat	28 packets
Frozen Meat Pies	25 packets
Frozen Fish	6 packets
Frozen Chips	72 packets

In addition to the above, complaints are received from time to time regarding the condition of food or food containers purchased locally.

Immediate investigation of such complaints is made and where necessary the assistance of the Analyst's Department and Public Health Laboratory is called in.

Food and Drugs Act 1955 — Section 16

Registration of premises used for the manufacture of prepared foods:—

Number on Register 9

Details of Food Manufactured

Number of Premises	*Food Manufactured*
2	Sausage, Cooked Meat Pies
1	Sausage only
3	Sausage and Pickled Tongues
1	Meat Pickling
1	Cooked Ham only
1	Ice Cream

Premises Registered for sale of Ice Cream 60

ICE CREAM SAMPLES				
No. of Samples	*Results Notified in Grades by Public Health Laboratory Service*			
	1	2	3	4
4	1	1	2	—

ICE LOLLIES		
No. of Samples	*Satisfactory*	*Unsatisfactory*
1	1	—

Number of Food Premises in the Area

Type of Business	*Number*
Works Canteen	6
School Kitchens	2
Bakery and Confectionery	4
Grocers and Provision Merchants	17
General Food	28
Sweet Shops	7
Greengrocers	5
Wet Fish Shops	3
Butchers Shops	11
Cooked Meats	3
Fish Friers	5
Licensed Premises (including Clubs and Off-Licences)	50
Cafe and Snack Bars	10
Mobile Canteen	2
Mobile Fish Friers	1

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

This Act came into operation in 1964. The aim of the Act is to secure registration of all office and shop premises where persons are employed.

Standards of health, safety and welfare facilities are laid down in the Act and its various orders.

The following table indicates the position at 31st December, 1965:—

Class of premises	*No. of premises Registered during the year*	*Total No. of Registered premises at end of year*	*Number of Registered premises receiving a general inspection during year*
Offices	3	33	8
Retail Shops	7	69	32
Wholesale Shops, warehouses ...	1	3	2
Catering establishments open to the public	1	17	5
Canteens	—	—	—
Fuel Storage depots...	—	1	—
	12	123	47

Analysis of Persons Employed

Class of premises	*No. of employees*
Offices	188
Retail Shops	299
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	41
Catering establishments open to the public	122
Canteens	—
Fuel Storage depots	4
	654
	321 Males
	333 Females
Number of Accidents reported	3
Number of Accidents investigated	3

HOUSING

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

(a) Proceedings under Section 16, 17 and 18 of the Housing Act 1957.

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	8
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
(3) Number of Undertakings not to re-let accepted ...	4
(4) Number of Houses demolished following Statutory Action	12

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Act.

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which informal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	41
(2) Number of Houses in which defects were remedied following formal notices	5

(c) Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act 1957 (Clearance Areas)	Nil

SUMMARY OF REPAIRS EFFECTED FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY OR STATUTORY ACTION

Structural Repairs	7
Roof Repairs	9
Eaves Gutters Repairs or Renewed	8
Rainwater Pipes Repaired or Renewed	2
Windows and Doors Repaired	11
Floors Repaired	5
Wall and Ceiling Plaster Repaired	18
New Sinks Provided	2
Firerange Repaired	3
W.C. Fittings Repaired or Renewed	6
W.C. Structures Repaired	2
Water Service Pipes Repaired	4
Drains Unblocked and Cleansed	21
Drains Repaired	3
Old Drains Tested	1
Public Sewers Unblocked and Cleansed	10
Houses Disinfected (including Wasps Nests) ...	21
New Dustbins Provided after Notice	4
New Dustbins Provided by Council on Request ...	214
Miscellaneous Items of Repair	17

Public Cleansing

Refuse Collection

The collection of refuse throughout the district continued to be maintained on a weekly basis. Bonus payments no doubt provide the incentive to ensure that the rounds are completed at the end of each week.

It is pleasing to record that no serious difficulties were experienced during the year to maintain a full establishment in the Cleansing Department. Unfortunately though during the Spring and Summer months it is always difficult to maintain fully staffed collection teams due to holidays and absenteeism through sickness.

Refuse Disposal

All refuse is disposed of at the Bonemill Quarry. One man is employed on a full time basis to control the tip, to ensure that all refuse is disposed of in an organised manner. A limited amount of trade waste from local industries is accepted on to the tip on a payment of 3/- per load.

Salvage Collection and Disposal

Waste paper continues to form the bulk of salvageable materials and it is from this source the greatest income is gained. The refuse collectors collect the paper salvage from private dwellings along with household refuse. A separate independant collection of paper salvage continues to be made from the majority of Shops and Factories in the Town without charge.

Other salvage is sorted at the tip and during the year the income from salvage was as follows: —

	1965			1965			1964		
	Weight			*Amount Realised*			*Amount*		
	tons	*cwts.*	*qrs.*	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Waste Paper ...	101	14	2	754	4	4	620	13	1
Scrap Metal ...	4	12	1	29	1	7	39	13	9
Tins	—	—	—	12	0	0	9	0	0
Rags, etc. ...	—	—	—	3	1	0	1	10	0
				798	6	11	670	16	10

Details of Cost of Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Salvage during 1965

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Expenditure	19231	1	4
Income	1324	3	0

Cleansing of Cesspools and Pail Closets

There has been no change in this service during the year. Cesspools in the district are emptied as frequently as necessary free of charge and pail closets emptied once per week at domestic premises and twice per week at commercial premises.

With the financial aid now available for improvements to domestic properties I look forward to the day when the external pail closet will take its place in history along with the privy middens.

Although there have been changes of drivers of the cesspool emptier no undue difficulties with recruitment have arisen and the service has been fully maintained during the year.

Details of Revenue from Private Works

	£	s.	d.
Chargeable Work outside the District	68	10	0
Chargeable Work inside the District	18	11	3

Public Weighbridge

This apparatus sited at Bonemill Quarry is attended on a part time basis by the operative baling and sorting paper salvage.

An improvement in Sanitary facilities was provided during the year with the construction of an annex to the office building comprising water closet and washing facilities with hot and cold water. These improved facilities are much appreciated by the operatives.

Outdoor Staff Employed on Public Cleansing

2 Refuse Freighter Driver/Loaders.

7 Refuse Loaders.

1 Refuse and Salvage Driver/Loader.

1 Refuse and Salvage Attendant.

2 Salvage Balers and Weighbridge Attendants.

1 Gully/Cesspool Emptier Driver.

1 Gully/Cesspool Emptier Attendant.

1 Tip Attendant.

RODENT CONTROL

Summary of Work carried out in 1965

Rodent Control PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949	*Local Authority Premises*	*Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)*	*All other (including Business Premises)*	*Agricultural*
No. of properties in Local Authority's District ...	33	4553	415	13
No. of properties inspected as a result of:				
(a) Notification	12	407	26	—
(b) Survey under the Act	4	396	37	2
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)...	2	21	32	—
No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:				
(a) Rats—Major ...	—	—	—	—
Minor ...	6	422	34	—
(b) Mice—Major ...	—	—	—	—
Minor ...	8	76	9	—
No. of infested properties treated by Local Authority	10	485	38	—
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	15	517	48	—
No. of "Block" Control Schemes carried out ...	37	—	—	—

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Public Conveniences serving the town are as follows:

(a) Bridge Street, Men and Women.

(b) Lion Hill, Men and Women.

(c) Rear Swan Hotel, Women and Men's Urinal only.

(d) Memorial Park, Men and Women.

(e) Severn Meadows Car Park, Men and Women. Open during holiday season only.

(f) Walshes Farm Car Park, Men and Women. Open during holiday season only.

In spite of the amount of damage by fair means and foul these conveniences have functioned satisfactorily throughout the year.

The conveniences at the Walshes Farm Car Park are in a very poor sanitary condition but discussions have commenced with a view to the construction of a new block.

MORTUARY

In 1965, 33 bodies were placed in the Council's Mortuary.

Factories Act 1961
Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspection for the purpose of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	*Number on Register* (2)	*Number of*		
		Inspections (3)	*Written Notices* (4)	*Occupiers Prosecuted* (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	61	33	6	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
	63	35	6	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three on more " cases ").

Particulars	*Number of cases in which defects were found*				*Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted*
	Found	*Remedied*	*Referred*		
			to H.M. Inspector	*by H.M. Inspector*	
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S7):					
(a) Insufficient ...	4	3	—	4	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6	5	—	4	—

NUMBER OF FACTORIES (31st December, 1965)

Light Engineering	4
Motor Body Builders	5
Vinegar Works	1
Making of Lock Gates	1
Repair of Canal Boats	1
Wire Manufacturers	1
Food Manufacturers	6
Agricultural Implement Manufacturers	2
Boat Building	2
Power Plant	1
Agriculture Merchants (Feeding Stuffs)	2
Gravel Pits	2
Timber Merchants	2
Manufacturers of Wood Products	1
Carpenters and Engineers	1
Builder's Yard	5
Motor and Motor Cycle Engineers	4
Engineers	6
Chain Manufacturers	1
Chain Repairing	1
Joinery	1
Storage Petroleum Products	4
Precast Stone Products	1
Electrical Component Manufacturers	3
Civil Engineers	1
Carpet Manufacturers	1
Toy Manufacturers	1
Metal Brackets	1
Boot and Shoe Repairers	1
	63

Pet Shops

There are no shops licensed to keep pets for sale in the District.

Summary of Notices Served

Housing Acts	2
Public Health Acts	34
Factories Act 1961	2
Food Hygiene Regulations 1960	21
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949	6
Clean Air Act 1956	1
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	15
Unsound Food	6
Noise	2

Summary of Inspection and Visits 1965

Housing Act	
Routine and Revisits	56
Repairs and Revisits	16
Overcrowding	2
Improvement Grants	9
Public Health Act	
Nuisance (Complaints)	192
Revisits	83
Infectious Disease	
Enquiries	1
Food Hygiene Regulations	
Food Shops General	51
Cafe and Restaurants	7
Canteens	3
Mobiles	3
Fish Friers	2
Ice Cream Premises	
Routine	3
Samples	5
Unsound Food	15
Factories Act	
Mechanical Powers	33
Non-Mechanical Power	2
Building Sites	2
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	47
Caravan Sites	21
Unauthorised Caravan Sites	11
Shack Area	16

Scrap Metal Dealers	2
Prevention of Damage by Pests	981
Mass Radiography Unit	16
Refuse and Salvage Collection	53
Refuse and Salvage Disposal	46
Salvage and Weighbridge	62
Interview with Crews	48
Refuse Collection Equipment	21
Refuse Disposal Tip	32
Public Conveniences	85
Clean Air Act	13
Food Inspection	22
Slaughterhouses	
Meat Inspection	162
Routine	5
Mortuary	18
Water Supply	
Routine	4
Samples	42
Drainage	
Private Drains	50
Public Sewers	13
Main Sewers	3
Cesspools	36
Ditchcourse	13
Trade Refuse	4
Trade Effluent	
Samples	6
Inspections	21
Disinfestation	3
Noise Abatement	15
Interviews	76
Disposal of Radio Active Substances	Nil
Miscellaneous	43

Conclusion

This report gives in the main only the bare statistics of the work undertaken by the Health Department. The day to day work increases proportionally with the increase in population and industrial expansion. However all the services covered by the Health Department have been maintained during the year.

In this area which has a low unemployment rate we have not had during the year any difficulty in recruiting and maintaining personnel for the cleansing services. We have been very fortunate in this respect.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council and all my colleagues for their help and assistance during the year.

I am, Mrs. Gazard and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. WIGGLESWORTH

Public Health Inspector